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EXPECTANT
IS WHOLE
WORLDVESSEL ON WHICH DR. COOK IS A
PASSENGER NEARS COPEN-
HAGEN

ROYAL WELCOME PLANNED

DANISH GOVERNMENT SENDS
WARSHIP TO MEET THE IN-
COMING STEAMER

CORRESPONDENTS ON ALERT

VESSEL CHARTERED TO TAKE
NEWSPAPER MEN OUT TO SEA
TO GREET DISCOVERER

New York, Sept. 3.—The expected arrival of Dr. Frederick A. Cook at Copenhagen, Denmark, from his epoch making trip to the north pole, which will probably be chronicled tomorrow, is the most important news item on the horizon. It is confidently expected by his friends and supporters that he will then produce uncontrovertible proofs that he reached the pole, thus allaying the wave of skepticism manifested in the opinions of many of his fellow scientists both here and abroad.

That Dr. Cook will be fully able to substantiate his claims, is indicated by a brief official statement made by United States Minister Egan at Copenhagen, to the state department, that the reported discovery of the north pole has been corroborated by Dergward Jensen, Danish inspector of North Greenland. It is assumed the Danish official investigated Dr. Cook's claims after the latter had left Greenland enroute to Denmark and that he was able thus to confirm them.

Sends Torpedo Boat

The Danish government has dispatched a torpedo boat to meet the steamer on which Dr. Cook is a passenger on the high seas and act as a convoy of honor into Copenhagen. The Danish minister of commerce has chartered a vessel on which to take the newspaper correspondents of the world to meet the Brooklyn explorer and the Danish Geographical society will meet Dr. Cook on another vessel. From these unusual arrangements it is evident Dr. Cook will have quick opportunity to submit his proofs.

John H. Bradley, the wealthy New Yorker, who financed Dr. Cook's expedition, says it is untrue that the dash to the pole was the outcome of a fishing expedition. He now states the expedition was perhaps the most carefully planned of any previous polar attempt. He says the secrecy maintained was to avoid unpleasant controversies in case he failed.

Expedition Carefully Planned

That the journey was well planned is shown by the quantity and nature of the supplies Bradley's schooner-yacht deposited in Greenland for Cook. These included ten thousand cans of provisions, 10,000 boxes of matches, 5,000 gallons of gasoline, 1,000 gallons of alcohol, two barrels of gum drops, which is currency for the Esquimaux instead of money, guns and knives for trading, hickory lumber for building sleds and sheds, and great quantities of staple groceries. In all there were sufficient provisions to last the party three years. As an indication of the care with which the expedition was planned, aluminum stoves instead of heavy iron ones, usually used by explorers, were taken along.

Fame and Fortune

Besides the fame that will endure for centuries which comes to Dr. Cook for his achievement, he is destined also to reap a fortune through his writings and lectures. A well known vaudeville manager has already cabled to Copenhagen offering Cook \$4,000 a week for a ten weeks' lecture in his houses. European agents of three other vaudeville managers have also cabled princely offers. Another result of Cook's success may be that the land which he re-

ports he discovered will be called Cook's land.

Scores Big Scoop

Shagen, Denmark, Sept. 3.—A newspaper correspondent who went aboard the steamer Hans Egede, which passed here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, was able to obtain a few words from Dr. Frederick A. Cook. The explorer ascribed his success to the fact that he made use of the old methods, namely Eskimos and dogs, and that he lived liked like an Eskimo himself.

The doctor gave a vivid sketch of his expedition in which he said:

"Going northward I struck the first westerly course from Greenland and then moved northward. I arrived at the north pole April 21, 1908, as already announced, accompanied by two Eskimos. We reached the pole at 7 o'clock in the morning. I took daily observations for a whole fortnight before arriving at the pole. Returning we were forced to take a more westerly route and the first ten days I took observations daily and recorded them. I was unable to measure the depth of the sea as I had not the necessary instruments. The lowest temperature recorded was 83 degrees centigrade below zero."

Eighty-three centigrade below is equal to 117 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

King to Receive Him

Copenhagen, Sept. 3.—King Frederick, of Denmark, has intimated his desire to receive Dr. Cook when he reaches here Saturday and his majesty has arranged to entertain him at luncheon. A municipal banquet to the explorer will be given in the town hall tomorrow night. Four hundred guests have been invited. From this time onward dinners, receptions and gaieties will be incessant for the explorer.

BARBER SHOP PORTER
TURNS THIEF; SKIPS

Charlie Williams, a negro who has been living in Las Vegas, and who has been in more or less trouble from time to time, turned a trick last night which has earned for him the reputation of being a notorious character.

It seems that Fred Logan, who is employed as porter at the dump barber shop, was taking a few days' lay off, and had employed Williams to work in his place. Williams appeared on deck yesterday morning and carried out his routine work at the barber shop.

This morning it was different, for when the barber employees arrived on the scene they found that while the doors were open, the shop had not been cleaned up and the keys entrusted to Williams were lying in the middle of the floor, with Williams nowhere to be found. Fred Logan was then sent for and upon his arrival it was found that Williams' slippery fingers had connected with a savings bank of Logan's, which contained \$18 in money. In addition he also took a small 32-calibre revolver, which Logan prized very highly, not for its value, but for the fact that it was a gun he had owned for eight years.

Logan, being a man of finance, does not regret the loss of the money, but he stated to an Optic representative today that he would like to have the gun. Logan has been camping on Williams' trail all day, but up to a late hour this afternoon had seen nothing of him.

It will be remembered that not long ago Williams appeared before Judge Murray to answer a charge of assaulting one "Ruck" Childs, of which charge he was found guilty and given ten days with the tourists on the city chain gang, having just a few days ago completed this sentence.

Logan is in hopes of "spying" said Williams, and states that there will be something doing when he does.

STOCK EXCHANGE FIRM
AN INVOLUNTARY BANKRUPT

New York, Sept. 3.—The suspension of the firm of Freeman, Rollins and company, members of the New York stock exchange, was announced today. The firm has branches in Boston and Providence. It began business in January of this year. A petition in bankruptcy against the firm was filed by James A. Anderson and two other creditors whose claims aggregate \$2,511. The petition gives the liabilities at \$200,000 and assets \$100,000. Robert B. Oliver was appointed receiver with a bond of \$50,000.

DETAILS OF CAMFIELD'S
CONTRACT WITH LAS
VEGAS GRANT BOARD

Colorado Capitalist Must Furnish \$200,000
Bond as a Guarantee of Good Faith Upon
Commencement of Work, Which
May be Within Ninety Days—Engineers
Now Drawing Plans and Specifications—
Approval of Water Rights Necessary.

Because of the lateness of the hour yesterday afternoon, it being 5 o'clock when the contract between D. A. Camfield and the Las Vegas grant board was signed, The Optic had little opportunity to go into the details of the contract or the reservoir.

The contract, which was duly signed upon motion of Don Eugenio Romero, one of the grant trustees, seconded by Felix Esquivel, another member, provided that the lands to be conveyed to Camfield are lands under control of the grant board which are within the lands reserved for reservoir purposes. The total area of this land is about 17,000 acres, of which 3,000 acres is included in the reservoir site. About 9,000 acres can be irrigated but the remaining 4,000 acres is dry land above the proposed ditch. The total land that can be irrigated under the Camfield project when it is completed is about 17,000 acres, of which 8,000 acres is now held in private ownership. The contract provides that Camfield must furnish water to all lands which are to be reached from his ditches and laterals and he cannot charge for water furnished to persons now owning land more than \$35 per acre for a perpetual water right of not less than 1 1/4 acre feet of water per annum. This supply, together with the average rainfall will make an average waterfall of about 34 inches yearly.

Camfield agrees to begin work on the reservoir within thirty days after the territorial engineer shall have favorably passed upon his application for the use of the flood waters of the Gallinas and Sapello rivers and the Sangre de Cristo and Pecos arroyos and after all conflicting rights to the flood waters of the Gallinas river shall have been disposed of.

There are now two conflicting claims to the flood waters of the Gallinas. One of these is the filing of the United States, which will be obtained by the grant board without difficulty. The other is the filing made by A. A. Jones, of this city, for the use of such waters to irrigate lands on the Preston Beck grant which lies about twenty-five miles south of Las Vegas.

The land and water rights are to be conveyed to Camfield as soon as he begins construction work. He is to protect the board for this conveyance by giving a bond to its satisfaction in the sum of \$200,000. This will be a surety company bond to be approved by the grant board.

The entire project is to be completed within eighteen months from the date of commencement of work. The reservoir capacity will be 40,000 acre feet. The ditch from the diversion dam in the Gallinas river to the reservoir will be sixty feet in width and the main outlet ditch from the reservoir twenty feet in width. The total length of ditches and laterals will be in the neighborhood of fifty miles. The present plans for the project do not provide for the irrigation of any lands west of the Gallinas river.

It will take the Camfield engineers about ninety days to perfect the plans and specifications or the project, which when finally completed will represent an outlay of between \$500,000 and \$600,000, and have them ready for filing with the territorial engineer. When these are approved by that official there will be but one obstacle standing in the way of the immediate commencement of work and that obstacle is the filing of A. A. Jones already referred to for the flood waters of the Gallinas. There is no conflict whatever, as to the water rights of the other streams mentioned.

Now to sum up the situation: If the question of priority under this filing is litigated, then construction may be postponed for some time. Therefore it is to be hoped that it will not be necessary to resort to legal proceedings to do away with the Jones' filing.

Mr. Jones was seen by a representative of The Optic this morning and when asked whether he intended to oppose the Camfield project insofar as the right to the waters of the Gallinas was concerned, made the following statement:

"I am not prepared to make a statement at this time regarding my plans, but I have no doubt but what the matter will, in the near future, be solved in a way that will be of the greatest benefit to the community as well as to the individuals directly interested."

DELAYED SANTA FE
TRAINS PROCEED EAST

As a result of a big washout near Needles, Calif., on Tuesday, there were seven delayed passenger trains to pass through the city this afternoon eastbound, between the hours of 12 noon and 5 o'clock. The trains were No. 4 of Wednesday night, Nos. 8 and 2 of yesterday and trains Nos. 4, 8, 10 and 2 of today.

TRAIN RUNS DOWN
MERRY HAYRACK PARTY

Williamsburg, Pa., Sept. 3.—Nineteen persons were seriously injured, two probably fatally, last night when a hay wagon in which they were being taken to a corn roast was struck by a freight engine at a grade crossing near here.

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ESTIMABLE WOMAN DIES
AFTER MONTH'S ILLNESS

Mrs. Felipa B. de Martinez, wife of Ambrosio Martinez, died this morning at 4 o'clock at the family residence on the West side after an illness of one month. Mrs. Martinez was a native of Las Cruces, but had made her home in Las Vegas for many years, where she was well known. Besides her husband, she leaves six children, Mrs. Pedro Cama Duran, Esther, Manuel, Clemente, Louisa and Reuben, to mourn the sad death of this loved one. Mrs. Martinez was forty-six years of age. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, interment being made in St. Joseph's cemetery. The funeral will be under the direction of J. C. Johnson & Son.

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ITALIAN CRUISER VIOLATES
INTERNATIONAL PROPRIETY

Washington, Sept. 3.—General regret is expressed in administration circles over the publication of news, ascribing improper motives to the commander of the Italian cruiser Aetna, which Saturday last is reported to have steamed between two warships of the Atlantic battleship fleet engaged in target practice off Virginia Capes. Italy feels that criticism should be withheld until substantial evidence is produced to show he in any way violated international propriety in an effort to observe the operations and results of the gunners' work aboard the American fighting vessels.

Captain Issues Denial

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 3.—Captain Filippo Baggio, Marquis of Ducarrio, commander of the Aetna, the Italian warship, said to have passed too close to the American battleship fleet while the latter was at target practice, pronounced untrue the story of alleged impropriety. He was much chagrined over the report. He declared he only steamed near in order to properly salute the American vessels, and when this was done steamed away.

ATTEMPTS TO FLY
ACROSS LAKE ONTARIO

Toronto, Canada, Sept. 3.—C. Foster Willard, in his aeroplane, the Golden Flyer, made his first attempt to cross Lake Ontario last night, but a sudden increase of wind and trouble with ballast caused his machine to dip and pitch and he fell into the water about three-quarters of a mile from the shore. He was picked up by a launch.

NERVY RESIDENTER
CAPTURES PROWLER

Philip Sandoval is the hero of the hour. Last night about ten o'clock while the Sandoval family, who reside at 913 Railroad avenue, were sitting about the table reading, an unusual noise was heard in their back yard. Mrs. Sandoval called her husband's attention to the noise. He investigated, but at first could not see anything. When he went back at the second request of his wife, he saw a shadow in the back yard.

Mr. Sandoval immediately slipped out a side door and walked along the fence until he reached a point opposite a large apple tree in the yard and he got behind it to await the arrival of the prowler, who came sneaking cautiously along. Just as he arrived opposite the tree, Sandoval made a grab for him, clutching him by the throat, the two falling to the ground together. It was noticed immediately that he had a 45-caliber revolver in his hand, which Mr. Sandoval lost no time in wrenching from his grasp, at the same time striking him in the mouth.

At this the man on the ground cried "Don't Phil, you know who I am." At that point Sandoval stepped back, but only to see who the man was, when he discovered that it was James Burns, a young man who lives a neighbor to him. When asked what he was doing on the premises at that time of the night and in the guise of a robber, Burns could hardly talk, he was so frightened, but mumbled something about being an officer. This was not taken for granted, however, Mr. Sandoval escorting the young man to the city hall for the purpose of turning him over to the police authorities. Being unable to locate the night police, Burns was turned loose, as Mr. Sandoval knew the young man and knew where he could be found today if he did not take "French leave" during the night, which he did not do.

Young Burns has been about the city for many months, and is classed by many as a worthless character getting a living the easiest way he can without working for it. Only recently he fell from the city sprinkling wagon and sprained his ankle, and lived for a while on the stall that he was going to get \$200 from the city as damages, and on which stall he got his board for some time at Mrs. W. B. Critch, he leaving her \$40 in the hole, which debt he has not and probably does not intend to pay. Burns is also said to have committed several outrages of an unspeakable nature.

A warrant for the arrest of Burns was sworn out this afternoon and he was arrested at 4 o'clock and committed to jail.

PRINCE ASKS
ROOSEVELT
TO HUNT

ROYALTY OF ABYSSINIA WOULD
LIKE TO ENTERTAIN EX-
PRESIDENT

PROMISES HIM BIG TIME

WOULD FIND A WHITE ELEPHANT
FOR NOTED SPORTSMAN TO
SHOOT

SENDS SPECIAL COMMISSION

MESSENGERS ARE DETAILED TO
AFRICAN WILDS TO DELIVER
INVITATION IN PERSON

Berlin, Sept. 3.—Lidj Jeassu, crown prince of Abyssinia, has invited Col. Theodore Roosevelt to attend a great elephant hunt, promising to beat up a white elephant for him to kill and otherwise arrange a splendid sporting program. This news was brought here by Adolph Mayer, a kinsman of King Menelik of Abyssinia, who has arrived with a commission from the Abyssinian government to purchase supplies for the hunt. Before Mayer left Abyssinia a commission had been sent to hand an invitation to Roosevelt wherever it could find him.

SERIOUS FLOODS ALONG
RIO GRANDE IN MEXICO

Washington, Sept. 3.—The state department is in receipt of a telegram from C. A. Miller, U. S. consul at Matamoros, Mexico, saying the Rio Grande floods are higher there than usual; that a telegram from Camargo states serious damage has been caused to buildings in that city and ranches near the river; that no lives have been lost in the city, but that fifteen bodies have been recovered in the surrounding country and that there are probably many more, but the exact number is unknown. Consul Miller says also that a telegram from San Miguel states that water is a foot deep in the main plaza there and considerable damage is being done to buildings. No lives have been lost there. There has been no damage at Matamoros and Reynosa, although the river is high. It was reported falling today.

BIGGEST SALE OF TIMBER
IN HISTORY OF COUNTRY

Ranger L. H. Mossman, of the Pecos national forest, who departed this morning on a California limited for Flagstaff, Arizona, to attend the school of forestry which has been established there, is authority for the statement that during the session of the school, which will last two months, 140,000,000 feet of timber will be marked for delivery. This is the largest sale of timber ever made by the United States government and will take more than a year to deliver. The timber will be cut from the Coconino national forest of which Flagstaff is the headquarters.

This school of forestry, which Mossman has gone to attend, is established by the Forest Service with the end in view of perfecting the forest guards and rangers in their work, it being the intention of the department of agriculture that each man in the forest service shall be an expert in his line of work. The school will be under the supervision of Messrs. Wolsey and Ringland, of Albuquerque, district forest officers, and two rangers from each forest in New Mexico and Arizona have been selected to attend the school.